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**REPORT TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF
DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA**

March 8, 2011

To The Honorable:

Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana

Dear Commisisoners:


The Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission hereby submits to you the following report on AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING BIKE RACKS.

WHEREAS, the Commission has given reasonable regard to the Comprehensive Plan; current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district, the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted; the conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction; and responsible growth and development.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission **FAVORABLY RECOMMENDS** (6-0 with 1 abstention) the proposed Ordinance to Amend.

**DELAWARE-MUNCIE METROPOLITAN
PLAN COMMISSION**

BY:



President



Secretary

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**BEING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
THE TEXT OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE
REGARDING BICYCLE RACKS**

WHEREAS, the State enabling act for planning and zoning empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana to adopt a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and also provides for amendments to the text of said ordinance as the need arises; and

WHEREAS, the State enabling act also provides for amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to further promote the health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission has given reasonable regard to replace vehicle trips with bicycle trips in order to decrease congestion and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties who have adopted bicycle parking ordinances have shown a measurable increase in bicycle trips; and

WHEREAS, the provision of the bicycle parking regulations is another viable means of transportation to our community; and

WHEREAS, the provision for an ample number of properly located and secure bicycle facilities is a vital building block in the development for a compatible, attractive bicycling network; and

WHEREAS, the current Delaware County Zoning Ordinance does not require bicycle parking accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana has given reasonable regard to the Comprehensive Plan; current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district; the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted; the conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction; and responsible growth and development; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable to amend the Delaware County Zoning Ordinance to add new regulations regarding bicycle parking racks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana, that the text of the Delaware County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, heretofore adopted on the 11th day of December, 1973, be amended, changed and supplemented as follows:

Section 1. That Article XXX, Section 2, Subsection C, Item 10, PARKING AND LOADING of the Delaware County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance shall be amended by inserting the following provisions:

ARTICLE XXX

Section 2 PARKING AND LOADING

C STANDARDS

10. Bicycle parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth as follows:

a. Location and Placement Standards:

1. Bicycle parking shall be located as close or closer than the nearest car parking space to the building entrance, other than those spaces for persons with disabilities.
2. Bicycle parking facilities shall not interfere with accessible paths of travel or accessible parking as required by the American with Disabilities Act of 1990.
3. Bicycle racks shall not block the building entrance or inhibit pedestrian flow.
4. Bicycle racks shall be located to protect bicycles from damage from automobiles.
5. Bicycle parking shall be visible, well lit, and as convenient to cyclists as auto parking is to drivers.
6. All bicycle racks shall be designed to minimize visual clutter and be maintained in good condition.
7. All bicycle racks shall be securely anchored to the ground or building surface.
8. In cases where bicycle parking spaces are not visible from the primary street, signage shall be used to direct cyclists safely to bicycle parking areas.

b. Design Standards:

1. Each bicycle rack shall be designed to accommodate a minimum of two bicycle parking spaces.
2. Bicycle racks shall be designed to accommodate U-shaped locking devices and support the bicycle in two places.
3. Bicycle racks shall be designed to resist cutting, rusting, bending and deformation.
4. The surfacing of such facilities shall be designed and maintained to be mud and snow free.
5. Required bicycle parking spaces shall be at least 4 feet wide by 6 feet long.
6. An access aisle of at least 4 feet shall be provided in each bicycle parking facility.
7. Such space shall have a vertical clearance of at least 6 feet.
8. Bicycle racks shall be placed on 48-inch centers.

- c. When the intensity of use of any building, structure or premises shall be increased through additional number of dwelling units, gross floor area, seating capacity or other units of measurement specified herein that requires additional automobile parking spaces, bicycle parking as required herein shall be provided for such increase in intensity of use.
- d. A reduction in the minimum required automobile parking is allowed equal to the percentage of bicycle parking spaces provided, with a 5% maximum reduction.
- e. Bicycle parking spaces shall be based on the required automobile parking spaces and shall be provided in accordance with the following:

Table C-10

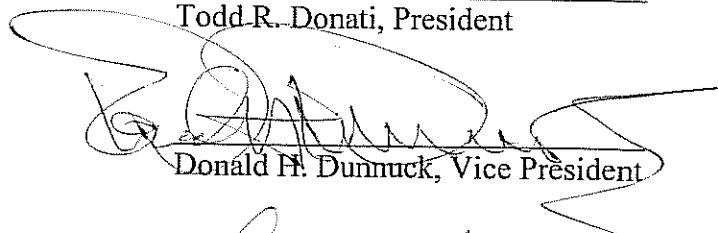
<u>Non-Residential/Commercial Uses:</u>	
<u>Auto Spaces Required</u>	<u>Bicycle Racks Required</u>
0-20 spaces	1 rack
21-50 spaces	2 racks
51-75 spaces	3 racks
76-100 spaces	4 racks
101 + spaces	5 racks + 1 for each additional 100 spaces, 20 maximum
<u>Multi-Family Residential Uses:</u>	
<u>Auto Spaces Required</u>	<u>Bicycle Racks Required</u>
8+ spaces	1 rack for every 8 auto spaces required

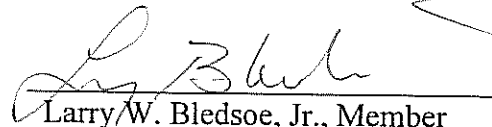
Section 2. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana, and such publication is required by law.

Section 3. This Ordinance is adopted this 21 day of March, 2011.

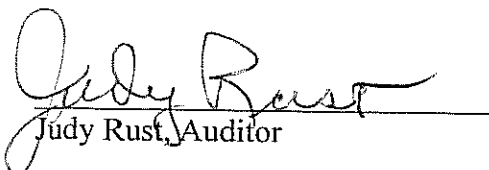
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